

County of Milwaukee

Office of the Sheriff

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WRONG-WAY FREEWAY DRIVER CAUSES HEAD-ON **COLLISION** OWI

Charges Being Filed; Passenger Seriously Injured



Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a 9-1-1 call at 1:00 a.m. about a wrong-way driver speeding east in the westbound lanes of I-43 from 76th Street. The driver crashed head-on into an SUV just west of the Loomis Road ramp. The driver of the SUV was transported to Froedtert Hospital, but was not seriously injured.

Joel Julian-Jorge, 22, of Milwaukee, was transported to Froedtert Hospital, treated and then taken into custody for OWI while intoxicated, Injury by Intoxicated use of a Motor Vehicle, OWI Refusal, and Operating Without a License - Causing Great Bodily Harm. The passenger in his car, age 18, sustained serious injuries and needed to be extricated by the Jaws of Life, and remains hospitalized.

Greenfield Fire Department responded to the scene. The westbound lanes were closed for about four hours to allow rescue personnel and investigators to work at the scene.

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